

Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee  
Minutes for March 16, 2010

Members present:

Vicky Wetherell, Jim Morrow, Michael Allison Quentin Kessel, Steve Lowrey, Ken Feathers

1. Chairman Jim Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM
2. Wetherell/Kessel: Motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2010, Wetherell mentioned that Kaufman was listed under Members Present, she is staff. Motion carried with amendment.
3. Public Comment: No public present.
4. Old Business:
  - Subdivision Regulations: Greg Padick had sent an e-mail saying that the PZC wouldn't be talking about changes to the subdivision regulations until fall. The Committee is still not in favor of allowing frontage on common driveways to be considered.
  - Dorwart Property: The Committee will rough out a trail on Sunday, March 21, 2010.
6. New Business:
  - The Committee resolved to formally thank Jennifer Kaufman for all your work for the Committee. This was unanimously approved.
  - The Last Green Valley Grant Application. This grant would be used for improvements to the Moss Sanctuary.  
Motion to endorse the grant application: Lowrey/Kessel, all in favor.
  - Out-reach & Education:
    1. Another summit meeting with the Council was suggested;
    2. Education of landowners on the importance of open space, we should partner with other organization that have done more of this work, such as the Eastern Connecticut Forest Landowners;
    3. The Committee might sponsor a walk in Moss Sanctuary during the Know Your Town Fair;
  - Open space Bonding: The last two referendums have shown that off year (Town) elections are not the time to vote on important referendum issues; Because of the number of UCONN students registered as voters in Mansfield, it is very difficult to get the required percentage of voters at the polls to pass a referendum on any subject. Referendums should be held with State or Federal elections. The Committee should talk with the Finance Commission about the timing of any referendums regarding Open Space funding.
  - Kessel/Wetherell: to go into Executive Session, motion carried at 8:35 PM  
Feathers/Kessel: to come out of Executive Session and send recommendation to Council, motion carried at 8:50 PM
7. No reports from staff
8. No Communications

9. Future agendas: Next month there will be some referrals to Council to discuss
10. Lowrey/Feathers: to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Stephen Lowrey